

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-40 (canceled)

Claim 41 (new): Accessory or component or actuating parts for or of musical instruments comprising said parts being made at least partially from titanium or a titanium alloy GRADE 5 or from a titanium alloy having material number 3.7165 or 3.7164, the titanium and the titanium alloy, respectively, being in a cast, forged or sintered form and the parts being coated with at least one hard layer made of at least one of WC/C (tungsten carbide carbon), WC, CrC (chromium carbide) and CrN (chromium nitride), in the course of a physical application process, and/or that a hard layer made of titanium nitride is formed on or applied to the parts.

Claim 42 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein, for coloring, the surfaces of the parts are electroplated and/or coated with platinum, gold or rhodium or anodized, respectively.

Claim 43 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are subjected to a thermal treatment or are hardened thermally.

Claim 44 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are formed by machining.

Claim 45 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the titanium and the titanium alloy, respectively, have a density of about 4.42 g/cm³ and a tensile strength of at least 820 N/mm².

Claim 46 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts comprise at least one of:

a fine tuner for string instruments, in particular the
screw connection part and/or knurled nut and/or lever and/or knurled screw and/or
microscrew thereof,
a string ball,
a tailpiece fastener and/or a fixing part for a tailpiece fastener,
a wolf eliminator, in particular the screw sleeves thereof,
a peg, preferably a peg for string instruments, in particular a peg shaft,
a tuning peg, in particular for keyboard instruments, harp, zither, dulcimer and
raffele,
a mouthpiece for brass instruments,
a bridge pin, in particular for keyboard instruments,
a string for string instruments,
a fret, in particular for plucked instruments,
a sound piece for brass instruments and a bell mouth, respectively, for hooters,
signal-horns or horns,
a chin holder screw, in particular for violin and viola,
a plectrum, in particular for plucked instruments,
a mechanism for plucked instruments, in particular contrabasses,
a trombone slide,
a valve for brass instruments,
a lamina, in particular for vibraphone or metallophone,
a tongue for harmonicas, in particular accordions and mouth organs, and for
musical clocks and automatic pianos, respectively,
a sheet or tone sheet, respectively, preferably for woodwind instruments or
saxophone,
a bridge support, in particular for string instruments,
a mute for string instruments,
a bow winding for a string bow,

an organ pipe,
a face for a string bow,
a tailpiece or tailpiece sleeve, respectively,
a thumb ring,
a bottleneck, in particular for plucked instruments,
a frog and/or a button for a string bow as well as a frog, a ring, a gusset or a
button ring,
a bell,
a bassoon tube,
a tuning fork,
a tuning pipe,
an endpin for string instruments,
a button for string instruments,
a bridge for plucked instruments,
a saddle for plucked instruments,
a tailpiece for string instruments, and
valves for wind instruments.

Claim 47 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are entirely made from titanium or titanium alloy.

Claim 48 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the GRADE 5 titanium alloy is TiAl6V4.

Claim 49 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are coated with the at least one hard layer by depositing or applying the hard layer to the parts.

Claim 50 (new): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the physical application process comprises a PVD process.